



### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Yencho, Stephen A.; et. al.

Assignee:

Cardica, Inc.

Title:

Method and System for Attaching a Graft to a Blood Vessel

Serial No.:

09/924,556

Filing Date:

August 9, 2001

Examiner:

Jessica R. Baxter

Group Art Unit:

3731

Docket No.:

032405-058

August 20, 2004

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter.

Please consider the Amendment After Final that was submitted on June 4, 2004 but not entered. A copy of that Amendment After Final has been included for the convenience of the Examiner. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Request for Continued Examination;
- (3) Copy of Amendment After Final filed on June 4, 2004;
- (4) Check no. 10263 in the amount of \$595.00; and
- (5) Return postcard.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

#### **CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

		Claims Remaining After Amendment	<b>;</b>	Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present Extra		Rate		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Basic RCE fee										\$385.00
Total Claims		40	Minus	40	-	0	x	\$9	\$	0.00
Independent		8	Minus	8	=	0	х	\$43	\$	0.00
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# **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is in response to the Office Action of March 23, 2004.

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